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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CALDERA DISCUSSES VENEZUELAN POSITION ON UNSC
MEETING IN PANAMA

1. ASKED DURING REGULAR WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 15 FOR VENEZUELAN POSITION ON UNSC MEETING IN PANAMA AND IF VENEZUELA IS WITH PANAMA ON DEMAND FOR SOVEREIGNTY OVER CANAL ZONE, CALDERA SAID, " UNDOUBTEDLY WITH REGARD TO PANAMA' S POSITION OF (DEMANDING) FULL SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE TERRITORY WHEREON THE CANAL IS BUILT, VENEZUELA HAS TO BE ON PANAMA' S SIDE." CALDERA SAID VENEZUELA COULD NOT FOREGO MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR FUTURE, BUT DENIED ANY DESIRE TO STIR UP CONFLICT. HE SAID ON CONTRARY VENEZUELA IS ATTENDING TO SEEK JUST SOLUTIONS THROUGH HARMONIOUS UNDERSTANDING.

2. CALDERA RECALLED THAT IN 1959 OR 1960 WHEN HE WAS PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES HE SIGNED CHAMBER RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH PANAMA OVER CANAL ISSUE, AND SAID HIS PRESENT POSITION ON ISSUE NOW THAT HE IS CHIEF OF STATE IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT HE SIGNED BEFORE.
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